



Top, an overview of Camp Cobra. As part of the exercise, Nellis deploys everything necessary to set up shop at a forward location. Medical facilities, transportation, communications, chaplain services and security are just a few of the key players.



Top, members of Team Nellis relocate to the alternate Survival Recovery Center during an alarm activation as part of the Camp Cobra exercise.

Bottom left, Airman 1st Class Jason Heiserman, 99th Civil Engineer Squadron moves airfield struts into place in preparation for the runway. 99th CES brought construction equipment to build a small base with all the facilities at main base, including a new runway.

Bottom right, Nellis chaplains lead their congregation in a hymn.



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“Some aspects of CSORE may seem monotonous at the time, but I know the training will prove extremely valuable when we are called upon to deploy,” said 1st Lt. Kristin Herritage, 99th Medical Group. “For me its important to concentrate on training during the exercise.”

Exercise participants learn teamwork, readiness and survival techniques.

“We are learning teamwork and it gives us basic knowledge of self-aid and buddy care,” said Staff Sgt. Eunice Bracket, 99th Security Forces Squadron, of CSORE as she guarded the entry point to Camp Cobra.

“We learn to observe things, mark things and communicate with team players. It is a really good experience,” said Sgt. Bracket.

“The exercises are designed to ensure our people are trained and ready to deploy at any given time to anywhere in the world,” said Col. Andrew S. Dichter, 99th Air Base Wing commander. “The high tempo of daily training and support operations at Nellis make it extremely challenging to give CSORE the attention and priority it merits. But, readiness for combat operations is a critical command responsibility, and Camp Cobra CSORE allows all of Nellis to train in a world class environment with realistic scenarios so that our members will be ready if and when called.”

It takes approximately six weeks to plan a CSORE exercise in which participants receive the necessary training that prepares them for war, said Mr. Giovannoni. There are 150 exercise-evaluator team members at Nellis, and they are the experts in their career fields. Each evaluator evaluates his respective functions.

“It’s helping me learn teamwork and how to put on my chemical warfare gear,” said Senior Airman Katherine Holt, 99th SF, referencing the experience she is gaining from CSORE. “I’m learning how to respond to certain situations, how to provide security and how to be ready to go to war,” said Airman Holt.

